



News Notes

C-17 #5 arrives today - Hickam's fifth C-17 arrives today at 1 p.m. A ceremony will take place in front of base operations. All Team Hickam is invited to attend. Lt. Gen. David Deptula, Kenney Warfighting Headquarters (P) commander and Pacific Air Forces vice commander, will be delivering the Air Force's newest C-17. General Deptula, a United States Air Force command pilot, has more than 3,000 flight hours including more than 400 combat hours. General Deptula and a team of Hickam aircrew will fly the new C-17 from the Boeing plant in Long Beach, Calif. The event is open to all DoD ID card holders.

Huli-Huli Chicken - The Air Force Hawaii First Sergeant's Association is sponsoring a Huli-Huli Chicken fundraiser on May 19. The Huli-Huli chicken costs \$8 and advance tickets must be purchased. The whole chicken is available between 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parking lot on the Northeast side of C Street, between Hangar Ave. and Vickers Ave. For tickets see your First Sergeant.

Catholic Mass - A special Catholic Mass will be held at Chapel Center, Bldg. 1750 on Saturday at 5 p.m. Forty Catholic religious education students will receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist; the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. This liturgy will be presided by Chaplain, Lt. Col. Brian McNamara. For more information, call Cathy Yoakum, Catholic religious education coordinator at 449-1754 ext 230.

Catholic Mass - A special Catholic Mass will be held at Chapel Center, Bldg 1750 May 7 at 10 a.m. Twenty one Catholic religious education students will be receiving the sacrament of confirmation and the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This liturgy will be presided by Reverend Bishop John Kaising, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA. For more

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Military supports Earth Day

By Jessica Andrews
Kukini Correspondent

Earth Day is often a day overlooked in many cities, but this was not the case on Oahu, Saturday, when members from Team Hickam and other military communities volunteered their time for an Earth Day beach cleanup event.

Among the volunteers were spouses, dependents and active duty members who worked with the Waialua Watershed Action Group, Inc. and Save the Turtles International. The event was spearheaded by Capt. Elisa Amantiad of the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence. Captain Amantiad, a member of the Watershed Action Group, thought the beach clean up would be a great opportunity for the military community to give something back this Earth Day. "I think that Earth Day should be every day. It is something that should be incorporated into our daily lifestyles," said Captain Amantiad.

The majority of Hickam volunteers were students from the NCO Academy. About 45 students participated in the event. The class also used the cleanup as a required community project. "It was like killing two birds with one stone," said Tech. Sgt. Julius Lennon, coordinator for the NCO Academy. "When I saw the Earth Day cleanup on the bulletin board, I thought it would be



Photo by Jessica Andrews

In celebration of Earth Day 2006, volunteers from Hickam work to pull a car frame out of the brush during a beach clean up effort. More than 150 people from Oahu's military bases supported the two day event.

a great opportunity. Especially being in Hawaii and having children, cleaning up the beach and helping out the Earth are very

important," he added.

The goal of the clean up was watershed protection. The land around and adjacent to Kaiaka Bay

has over time become an illegal dumping site. Volunteers not only cleaned and removed trash from the

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New civilian personnel system kicks off April 30

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The first phase of the new National Security Personnel System is ready to launch Sunday. "Spiral 1.1" includes 11,000 Defense Department civilian employees throughout the United States.

"The most important mes-

sage is that we are ready," Mary E. Lacey, NSPS program executive officer, said. "Employees are trained, supervisors are trained, leaders are leaning forward, and we're ready to go."

Lacey explained that employees in the first group to enter the program "have been working on performance standards that are outcome-based and measurable so that as they go into NSPS

they will know what performance is expected of them right from the beginning."

Most preparation for the program's implementation has dealt with training employees and supervisors. Both groups have had extensive Web-based and classroom instruction on the ins and outs of the new program, Lacey said.

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Airman educates students



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Timothy Roznos Kenney Headquarters shows Kindergartners through second graders at Queen Ka'ahumanu Elementary the different types of aircraft the Air Force flies during

the school's community day Thursday. Sergeant Ronznos is a member of the Hickam Speakers Bureau. To become a member of the speakers bureau, contact Bette Kalohi, public affairs office.



Photo by Vanessa Perez

Ms. Adriana Ramelli, Hawaii's STAC, speaks Monday during the sexual assault awareness breakfast.

Hickam closes SA month with breakfast and speaker

Members of Team Hickam attended a breakfast Monday, to raise awareness about sexual assault here at Hickam, in Hawaii and across our nation. Our volunteer victim advocates were recognized for their time and emotional support they provide to our victims. This was the pinnacle event of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The focus of the breakfast was promoting prevention through education. We welcomed guest speaker and community leader, Ms. Adriana Ramelli, the executive director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC). "The Kapi'olani Medical Center For Women & Children, Sex Abuse Treatments Center's mis-

sion is to support the emotional healing process for children and adults sexually assaulted in Hawaii, to increase community awareness about the needs and concerns of sexual assault victims, and ultimately, to eliminate sexual violence. It was created in 1976 due to community concern about the lack of adequate and appropriate care for victims of sexual violence, and has provided a comprehensive array of crisis intervention, treatment, and prevention education services for sexual assault victims, their families, and the general public," said Ms. Ramelli.

Ms. Ramelli has been the Director of the SATC for more than 20 years. Her

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Another banner week for Team Hickam

We started this week with the finale to the month-long series of events on Sexual Assault Awareness. A fundraiser breakfast, in coordination with Sexual Assault Response Team and the Airlift Tanker Association, raised \$200 for the Kapi'olani Health Foundation. Next, we wrapped up Women's History month with an all women retreat ceremony (rescheduled due to last month's rainy weather).

We recognized a group of people who represented more than 400 Team Hickam members at the annual National Volunteer Recognition ceremony. We had the opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to our Administrative Professionals and the vital role they play in keeping the wing running during the Administrative Professionals Day luncheon (my personal thanks to thank Ms. Fran Tokairin once again for all that she does each day).

Governor Lingle along with several civic and military leaders attended the opening ceremony for the 21st Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Month at the Battleship Missouri. And finally, we rounded out the week with the arrival of the 5th C-17 delivery (thank you Lt. Gen. Deptula), the Wing Quarterly Awards breakfast, and the Team Hickam

Promotion Ceremony.

Perhaps, however, the most memorable event of the week was the opportunity to preside over my last Wing Commander's Call. If you weren't there, you missed some great briefings.

Our Chief of Wing Safety gave a great Power Ranger impersonation in full motorcycle safety gear. Briefers from the civilian and military personnel flights outlined upcoming changes in how we'll do business in that realm, and we once again heard from the operations and maintenance community what great work we're doing now that our C-17s are here.

As for my retirement, it's set for 29 June 2006. In my place will come a great leader – Col. John Torres who is currently the Vice Wing Commander at Andrews AFB. He is a superior leader and has vast experience in DV airlift, command and control and C-17 operations... you'll be glad to have him as a commander. In the meantime we still have a lot of work to do as we continue to become the greatest airlift wing in the Air Force. I look forward to continuing with you.

As always, be safe, think before you act, and be good wingmen. Have a great weekend!



Photo by Vanessa Perez

Ms. Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director of STAC Hawaii and 15th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Bill “Goose” Changose attend breakfast in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness month. The breakfast was the finale of the month-long event.

Bellows AFS has breathtaking views and it's 99 percent dinosaur free

By Capt. David Talafuse
Det 1 commander

What does Hawaii look like the first day you move here? Upon leaving the airport, we enter an experience similar to the opening scenes of Jurassic Park. The lush green landscape, majestic mountains, crystal clear beaches, and flowing waterfalls mesmerize us. We have found paradise and cannot believe we got this assignment. Hugging our spouse and children, we vow to enjoy this blessing and never take it for granted. Then what happens? Enter the dinosaurs and let the ride of terror begin. The mounding demands of our job threaten to crush us like a tremendous brontosaurus foot. Raptor-like suspense lists encircle us, taunting and threatening to devour our sanity. Airmen grab their chem masks, cling to

their mobility bags and complete bundles of training before being swooped up by the talons of deployment. The rest of the family clutches their mobility diaper bags (still come with chem masks), juggle a full schedule, and hope the just-in-time potty training will actually be just-in-time.

The landscape now looks like asphalt roads, traffic smog, missed holidays and endless meetings. The madness seemingly will never stop. People long for the days of Minot where at least the ice age killed off some of the creatures. Mommy, I want off this ride!

Not to fear, there is still one sanctuary left! That's right. For the next 12 months, Bellows guarantees a 99 percent dinosaur-free environment. This is your slice of paradise and you owe it to your family to come out here. Too many people think they are tough enough to stand up and face these monsters without a break. Meanwhile, everyone else watch-

es from behind the bushes as you eventually become a hors de oeuvre. "Being tough" becomes more apparently, "too stupid to get out of the way." The only way to continuously survive the work dinosaurs is to run away from them once in a while and replenish your strength.

Whether it be a simple day trip or an overnight stay, Bellows offers the cleanest, safest, and most breathtaking resort value you will ever encounter. Come sit on the beach, block out all your worries and remind yourself just how beautiful this paradise is.

So, what is the 1 percent of "dinosaurs" we occasionally see out here? The family who can come closest to guessing the name of these fictional creatures will win a "FREE" nights stay at Bellows (must be an authorized patron).

E-mail submissions by May 2 to our Marketing office: Joshua.dial@hickam.af.mil.

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

WARRIOR RUN KUDOS

Comment: Spirit, inspiration and unity are just a few words that come to mind when my children and I watch the Warrior Run. We get ready early in order to go out and watch the amazing spectacle that travels through our neighborhoods once a month. My children are full of pride as they watch their father participate in the Warrior Run and even though my husband will be deployed for the next run, we still plan on going out and showing our support. It is disappointing to us to see so much resist-

ance to the Warrior Run when it could be such a unifying event for all on base with a parade-like atmosphere that only takes approximately one hour a month of traffic inconveniences. Hickam Elementary is also my children's school and we have plenty of time to get there even though we reside on the Warrior Run route. Change is very difficult for some people, but I believe that continuing the Warrior Run through housing is very inspirational, will promote spirit and is a change for the better.

Response: Thank you for taking the time to express your support for the Warrior Run. Spirit, inspiration and unity are exactly what this run is all about. It is an amazing sight to see over 1,000 personnel running in formation. I understand the sense of pride that your children must feel, especially when they know their father is participating in the run. I have the same sense of pride as a participant. The intent of this monthly event is not to cause an inconvenience to residents, but to instill pride and "esprit de corps" for Team Hickam.

CROSSWALKS

Comment: The crosswalk at Julian and Julian Way is used by many of the walkers to Hickam Elementary School. Cars routinely park either in the crosswalk on Julian or their cars are so close to the crosswalk, you have to stop at their front driver's bumper, lean your head over to see if any cars are coming and then proceed. Two weeks ago, a young girl was on a scooter and went into that crosswalk to cross to the school. A white Expedition was parked less than 6 inches from the edge of the crosswalk. We watched in horror as a car hurtled down the street as the little girl disappeared in front of the SUV and then darted out to see around it. Thankfully the car saw her before she got off the sidewalk and slammed on the brakes, but it was a close call. We flagged down a passing security policeman who said he would do something about the cars parking on and just off the crosswalk and report it, but nothing has happened. We have talked to the school and the school says they don't have the cones or the manpower to "police" that crosswalk. The third time I called the non-emergency

Security Police number I was told that cars have to park 15 feet on either side of the crosswalk to ensure adequate safety margins, but that they really didn't want to do anything about it.

Response: Thank you for your feedback. Hickam Elementary school is one of many areas of concern when it comes to illegal parking, speeding and safety on Hickam AFB. Security Forces continuously patrols the area and conducts random traffic control measures around the school and Freedom Tower.

School leadership is working with the Base Traffic Engineering Committee to provide a viable and safe solution for everyone. The Committee has been to Hickam Elementary to observe the situation and is aware of the congestion, pedestrian and vehicular hazards, and have made it one of their highest priorities. Security Forces patrols will continue to monitor Julian Ave and encourage drivers to comply with established road laws to include issues with parking in and around the school. Should you have additional questions please call Security Forces Operations at 448-2320.

Hickam Diamond Tips



"Sunglasses: When in uniform, sunglass frames must be either black or brown material, or gold/silver wire. Conservative wrap-around sunglasses are permitted. Sunglasses may be brand-name with a small logo on the frames, but the logo must be the same color as the frame or lens. (Source: 96th Air Force Uniform Board) Eyeglasses/Sunglasses will not be worn around the neck; on top or back of head; or exposed/hanging on uniform. (Source: 97th Air Force Uniform Board) Questions? Contact your First Sergeant."

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Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300
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449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

JPAC experts search for MIA remains

HICKAM AFB, HAWAII — The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command deployed five teams to Vietnam for the 85th Joint Field Activity this week. The teams will search for and recover sites associated with airmen missing from the Vietnam War. JPAC deployed three Recovery Teams, a Research Investigation Team, and one Investigation Team. Recovery Team One will search for a F-8E Crusader pilot who crashed in 1966 while providing low-altitude machinegun suppression. During the mission, the pilot's plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire, crashed and exploded. JPAC is now looking for answers to resolve the mystery of the pilot's fate.

Recovery Team Two will excavate an aircraft crash site associated with an E-1B Tracer loss on Oct. 8, 1967. Five service members are unaccounted-for from this loss. While ground search-and-recovery teams failed to locate the missing aircrew at the time, aerial search crews identified the aircraft three days later at an apparent crash site. However, the site was deemed too dangerous to access because it was located on a precarious 80-degree mountain slope.

Recovery Team Three will have two missions. They will search for the location of an A1-G Skyraider pilot who disappeared in Southern Vietnam in 1968. The pilot vanished after successfully destroying three enemy tanks. While another pilot witnessed ground fire strike the aircraft about three min-



Photo by U.S. Marine Sgt. Jose O. Mediavilla, JPAC

Personnel from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command searched through mud for clues to missing American service members in Vietnam. JPAC's mission is to search for, recover and identify

unaccounted-for Americans from the nation's past wars. Any evidence recovered from a site is sent to the JPAC Central Identification Laboratory at Hickam for analysis.

utes before the plane crashed, he did not see the pilot of the A1 eject.

RT Three will also search for a pilot lost in 1971 on a combat mission in Southern Vietnam under heavy ground fire. Reports suggest that the pilot's UH-1H helicopter crashed into treetops and then burst into flames.

No one was seen exiting the aircraft. JPAC experts will search the region where the aircraft was last seen in the hope of pinpointing the site for a future recovery mission.

The Research Investigation Team is charged with researching achieves gathering bits and pieces of infor-

mation to generate leads for the investigation teams. The ITs use the information to correlate sites to missing military members.

Team members also help prepare for future recoveries by surveying sites, interviewing witnesses, and noting logistical concerns about potential recovery locations.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), located on the island of Oahu in Hawaii, was activated on Oct. 1, 2003. JPAC's mission is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of our nation's previous conflicts. Our highest priority is the return of any living Americans that remain prisoners of war.

JPAC was created from the merger of the 30 year old U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, and the 11 year old Joint Task Force - Full Accounting. This 425-person organization, commanded by a flag officer, is committed and dedicated to bringing home the nation's service members and civilians who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Where's my Refund" usage at record pace

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced that more people than ever are using "Where's My Refund," the popular Internet-based service used by taxpayers to check on their federal income tax refunds.

More than 21 million requests have been received on "Where's My Refund" so far this year, representing a growth of more than 20 percent compared to the same period last year.

"Where's My Refund is a fast, easy way to check on a refund," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "Taxpayers are using this feature and our other electronic services at a record rate."

Taxpayers can securely access their personal refund information through the agency's Web site at IRS.gov. All they need to do is enter their Social Security number, filing status and the exact amount of their refund. These shared secrets, which are data known only to the taxpayer and IRS, verify the person is authorized to access the account.

The IRS reminds taxpayers to not share any of this data to anyone claiming to be the IRS in an e-mail. The phony e-mail scheme is called "phishing," and it is an attempt to get private information such as Social Security, credit card or bank account numbers from taxpayers. The IRS reminds taxpayers it does not send out unsolicited e-mails.

Taxpayers have been suc-

cessful almost 81 percent of the time when they try to access their accounts on "Where's My Refund." The IRS says the major reason some taxpayers are not successful in accessing their accounts is because they are not entering the exact refund amount in whole dollars from the return they submitted.

Taxpayers can check on the status of their federal income tax refunds seven days after they e-filed their return. If they file a paper return, they can check four to six weeks after mailing their return.

If 28 days have passed after the IRS says it mailed a refund check, a new feature on "Where's My Refund" enables taxpayers to initiate a trace. The refund trace allows taxpayers to update a flawed mailing address. However, taxpayers who are married and filing joint returns must also complete and fax or mail a copy of Form 3911.

Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund. Signatures of both taxpayers must be on the form. This form is required only for those whose filing status is married, filing jointly.

The IRS says taxpayers can avoid undelivered refund checks by having their refunds directly deposited into a personal checking or savings account. Direct deposit also guards against theft and lost refund checks. Direct deposit is available for both paper and electronically filed returns.

America supports you: Sesame Street teaches Troops' kids coping skills

By Paul X. Rutz
American Forces
Press Service

Soon after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the workshop did a special set of TV programs called "You Can Ask," which focused on fear and grief in children under age 5. The TV programs, in English, Spanish and Chinese, were repackaged and distributed to child-care programs, mental health care programs, and the like, via the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Those programs' success helped lead to "Talk, Listen, Connect" because they developed an interest "on how we could talk about difficult topics with young children," Betancourt said. That model led to a partnership with Wal-Mart on this outreach project.

"We were looking for ways to meet an unmet need," said Mia Masten, Wal-Mart's northeast U.S. director for community relations. She said that when Sesame Workshop approached Wal-

Mart, the retail giant gave \$892,540 to produce the project, noting also that many of the company's employees are Reserve and National Guard members.

"It's really an extension of our long-term relationship with military families," Masten said. Wal-Mart is a member of America Supports You, a Defense Department program highlighting grassroots and corporate support for the nation's troops and their families.

Retired Marine Maj. Gen. Charles Bolden is an advisory board member on the project. He and several military members met with educators during a conference here in January and connected Sesame Workshop with the Military Child Education Coalition, which helped support the focus group research prior to taping.

Bolden said everyone on the panel agreed a significant portion of their time should be devoted to the unique problems of Guard and Reserve families. "For people in the Guard and, to some

extent, the Reserve, this is kind of foreign to them, and deployments are not something they ordinarily did prior to now," he said. "Sesame seemed to have come up with a way to reach out to these kids who aren't in a military community the way that the active duty folk are, so that was one of the reasons that we felt they should be a special target for this project."

According to a 2003 demographics report by the Defense Department, 661,402 children of military members are under the age of 5. This project will produce 138,000 DVD kits, according to a press release.

Bolden and other retired military officers have offered to help distribute the DVDs "so that we reach the maximum number of families in the most critically needed areas," he said.

Although this program is targeted toward military children, Bolden said he already sees a benefit he had not foreseen when the project began. "Military children are not



Photo by Richard Termine for Sesame Workshop

Sesame Street's Elmo and his dad tape a segment for "Talk, Listen, Connect," an outreach program for military families created by Sesame Workshop in New York,

April 20. The bilingual DVD is part of a package of complimentary materials that will be made available to military families beginning in July.

the only ones who are involved in separation and deployments and the like," he said. "One of the benefits that you get by doing some-

thing like this is that you're also able to reach, say, kids from the State Department, kids from oil and gas companies, people whose

parents are moving around and deploying all the time and undergo excessive absence much the same as military kids do."



15 MDG renovation underway

By Capt Randy Ivall

At the 15th Medical Group, our patients always come first as we deliver outstanding healthcare to our beneficiary population.

With the addition of C-17's to Hickam our mission continues to grow as does the number of patients we see at the 15th Medical Group will also grow. In order to meet this new challenge, we are going to conduct a \$1.6 million, multi-phase renovation project to our historic building. This effort will create the capacity for more staff and the ability to continue providing quality healthcare.

You might not realize it, but the first phase of this construction project actually started last October with the design and engineering research stage. The second phase starts April 24, and you will start seeing the dust fly. This will mostly be in the Primary Care Clinic, but you might see some construction in a waiting room or two. This will last until August 2006 when the third phase will be complete. The final phase and all construction should be complete in December 2006.

So what does this talk about growing pains and construction mean? First, we will not curtail any of the service we currently provide, so every one of our patients will continue to receive the same excellent, outstanding care they have come to expect. Second, because of the on going construction, temporary moves will be required in order to work around areas that will be affected by the renovation. Therefore, when you make appointment please confirm which clinic you will be seen. Lastly, if you have concerns, please call the clinic in which you're being seen and the staff will answer any question you might have.

All of us at the 15th Medical Group apologize for any inconvenience the renovation project



Courtesy Photo

causes, but in the end we will have a world class facility in which we will see all of our beneficiaries. So keep focused on our end goal and we thank you for all your support and understanding.

Services offered at the Life Skills flight

Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD) Parent Support Group

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- The purpose of the program is to increase parental skills and tools to promote more effective parenting by understanding the causes of

frustrating behaviors and how to address them.

Commander/First Sergeant Annual Training

- Annual mandatory training for all squadron commanders and First Sergeants. Please call to reserve a seat.

Play and Learn Session

- Play and Learn Sessions are short learning sessions in conjunction with playtime with your children. Each subject covers a new aspect of your child's growth and development, nutri-

tion, temperament, discipline, etc. This is a great opportunity to meet other moms and dads, make new friends and enjoy your child.

Play and Learn Sessions with Music

- A music program which will encourage and enhance the appreciation of music and movement for children ages one to two.

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Wednesday: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

4. 15 MDG is closed on these PACAF family days: 26 May, 3 Jul, 1 Sep, 24 Nov, 22 Dec, 29 Dec.

Newborn Enrollment in DEERS

By Ed Keating
Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator

A newborn infant is covered as a TRICARE Prime beneficiary in DEERS for the first 60 days after birth—as long as one additional family member is enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote. After the initial 60 days, any claim submitted for a newborn will process as TRICARE Standard until the infant is enrolled in DEERS and TRICARE Prime, or the infant's TRICARE Standard eligibility ends. Eligibility for TRICARE Standard benefits ends 365 days after birth for any newborn infant who is not enrolled in DEERS.

How to Establish TRICARE Eligibility for a newborn in DEERS: Parents and legal guardians must enroll their newborn child in DEERS as soon as possible after birth. To establish a newborn's TRICARE eligibility in DEERS, you must:

1. Submit a certificate of "live birth" and a copy of a verified and approved DD form 1172 "Application for Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card"

signed by the sponsor to your personnel office.

2. Apply for your child's social security number. Go to the Social Security Administration web site, www.ssa.gov or call (800) 772-1213 for an application.
3. Once you receive your child's social security number, go to your nearest identification card-issuing facility to update their information in DEERS.

The requirement to update a newborn's DEERS with a social security number is important to ensure data integrity for shared DEERS and medical databases. This third step for establishing TRICARE eligibility in DEERS is often overlooked by busy new parents.

For additional information on enrolling a newborn baby in DEERS, parents or guardians may contact or visit the nearest military personnel office, ID card-issuing facility, or contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) telephone center at (800) 538-9552. A list of military ID card facilities is available at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home>. Additional information on DEERS eligibility is available on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm.



Courtesy Photo

Behavioral Health

By Capt Rene Nicholas

The Air Force is attempting to provide the most comprehensive team oriented care possible. As part of this effort, the Air Force is evaluating the effectiveness of placing a mental health professional in the primary care setting. This professional serves as an expert consultant to the primary care managers and their adult patients ages 18 and over. This consultation started and teach the model allows primary care managers to refer their patients to the consultant for a brief evaluation of how habits, behaviors, or emotions may be affecting physical health or personal functioning.

The consultant helps the primary care manager and the patient develop a short specific behavioral change plan. The plan focuses on

improving functions at work, home and socially, by helping the patient modify thinking patterns, behaviors, and alter mood and physical symptoms such as, anxiety, sadness, stress, sleep and headaches.

Appointments with the consultant last from 15 to 30 minutes and most patients see the consultant one to three times. The job of the consultant is to get a behavioral change plan started and teach the patient some specific skills if needed. The primary care manager and the patient then have the majority of the responsibility for starting the plan and making it work. The consultant can also help the primary care manager make appropriate referrals to specialty care at clinics like the Tripler Pain Clinic or to ongoing individual counsel-

Immunizations for Babies

At Birth	Hep B (3 Doses of Hep B—schedule depends on whether your child received it at birth)									
2 months	Hep B	+	DTaP	+	PCV	+	Hib	+	Polio	
	1-4 mos									
4 months	Hep B	+	DTaP	+	PCV	+	Hib	+	Polio	
6 months	Hep B	+	DTaP	+	PCV	+	Hib	+	Polio	Influenza
	6-18 mos								6-18 mos	6-23 mos
12 months/over	MMR	+	DTaP	+	PCV	+	Hib	+	Chickenpox	Influenza
	2-15 mos		5-18 mos		12-15 mos		2-15 mos		12-18 mos	6-23 mos

Check with your doctor or nurse to make sure your baby is receiving all vaccinations on schedule. Many times vaccines are combined to reduce the number of injections. Here is a list of diseases your baby will be protected against: Hep B: hepatitis B, a serious liver disease; DTaP: diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), and pertussis (whooping cough); Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type b, a serious brain, throat and blood infection; Polio: a serious paralyzing disease; PCV: pneumoccal conjugate vaccine protects against a serious blood, lung and brain infection; MMR: measles, mumps and rubella; Chickenpox: also called varicella; Influenza: a serious lung infection.

EARTH, From A1

water and shoreline, but they also cleaned out areas where they had access. There were many unsafe items found in the area, such as syringes, glass, car batteries and tires; even an abandoned, burned-out school bus.

Tech. Sgt. Ariane Freeman from the Base Legal office brought two friends with her who were visiting from off island to help in the clean up. “Earth Day means giving back and preserving our natural resources, looking at neglected areas,” said Sergeant Freeman. Although this was Sergeant Freeman’s first time with the cleanup, she said it would be something she would be interested in doing in the near future.

It was an early morning.

There were plenty of mosquitoes, bugs and humidity. But over the two days of cleanup, there were more than 150 volunteers from the military community. The Army and Navy provided heavy equipment for removing trash and larger items, while Team Hickam provided more than a third of the manpower.

Team Hickam proved again to be a positive influence in the community. Volunteers removed great amounts of trash and prevented other dangerous items from traveling back into the water. “The turnout was awesome and the support from the military communities was outstanding,” said Captain Amantiad.

BREAKFAST, From A1

life’s work has been dedicated to victim care, victim rights, advocacy and community education. She has changed the way Hawaii and the nation views sexual assault through television, radio, public speaking and print.

Ms. Ramelli spoke of the importance of understanding victims and their needs and followed with a message of prevention. “For years we focused on risk reduction, self defense and education to prevent victims...recently we have started focusing on preventing perpetrators,” she

said. Prevention through understanding and education of our citizens is the only way to reduce sexual assault. RESPECT is the theme of our new campaign. It is about educating the population about rape and what it means to respect one another.

All proceeds from the breakfast were donated on behalf of the Airlift Tanker Association to the Kapi’olani Health Foundation which sponsors the SATC in their ongoing battle against sex abuse.

CIVIL, From A1

Lacey spoke to American Forces Press Service via telephone from Kansas City, Kansas, where she had been meeting with some of the first spiral's employees at nearby Fort Riley. She has spent considerable time and will be spending more time meeting with employees in the first spiral in such far-flung locations as Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as well as in several agencies in the Washington, D.C., area.

Another senior official in Lacey's agency traveled to Hawaii to meet with Army and Navy employees in the first spiral.

"I am trying to get out to see as many of the 1.1 organizations as I possibly can," Lacey said. "It's part of the communications initiative to give them an opportunity to speak to the senior leadership of the department, answer any questions they may have, explain to them some of the philosophy behind the changes and to thank them for all their efforts to get ready for NSPS.

"I think it's important for folks to be able to ask one on one why we're doing things and for me to answer any questions," she added.

Lacey said that "enthusiasm and excitement of the workforce is very high" in places she's visited, but added that many employees

are concerned about their supervisors' ability to fairly evaluate performance.

"This is not unexpected. Most of the department has been effectively on a pass-fail system for quite a while, so this is new," she said. "And that's one of the reasons we've spent so much time training employees and supervisors on performance management."

She said she reassures employees that supervisors have received extensive training in performance management and that multiple leaders will be involved in the performance-evaluation process.

Program officials originally planned to include about 60,000 employees in Spiral 1.1, but several factors, including ongoing litigation over collective-bargaining rules, contributed to the need to curtail that number.

Lacey explained that officials reconstituted the group so it included only nonbargaining-unit employees. The number also had to be cut because of delays in implementation brought about by the legal issues.

"Once we got the judge's decision, we only had a limited amount of time and it was a throughput issue on the training," Lacey said. "We didn't want to short-change any of the training."

A few pay-related aspects of the program employees may not be aware of are the

initial within-grade buy-in and the local market supplement.

Employees being transitioned into NSPS will receive the next step increase due to them in the old GS system prorated for the amount of time that is left until they would be due the pay increase.

What is called locality pay in the existing personnel pay system will now be called "local market supplement" under NSPS. This is a percentage over base pay based on geography, Lacey explained. She said the system will use the same scales the rest of government uses for now, but this may change to a system based on specific jobs if officials feel they need help with recruiting and retaining hard-to-fill specialties.

NSPS officials want employees to know that they will be closely monitoring the program's implementation to immediately deal with any problems that may arise during the transition.

"We will be monitoring how these 1.1 activities do and continue to keep the lines of communication open with the senior leadership and employees so that we get early indicators if there's any difficulties, so we can look at it and determine if it's a training need or of it is a systemic thing that needs to be tweaked," Lacey said.

She also noted that the

evaluation results will be made available to employees. "That openness has been our philosophy with NSPS right from the beginning," she said. "They deserve to see how it's going."

Hickam enforces cell phone policy

Vehicle operators on Hickam and other PACAF installations and operators of government owned vehicles, both on and off base will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or they are using a hands-free device.

Violators of the new cell phone policy will lose their base driving privileges for 30 days. This policy applies to everyone driving on PACAF installations. To view a copy of the PACAF commander’s policy contact your unit orderly room.





Damage to private property

An Air Force family member notified Security Forces to report damages to her vehicle.

Assault third degree

An active duty Air Force member notified Security Forces and reported her child was verbally assaulted and dragged out of class by the teacher. Honolulu Police was notified and resumed control of the situation due to the school being state property and civilian personnel was involved.

Theft of personal property

An active duty Air Force reported he left his 2 dogs to a pet caretaker; who then took both of his dogs when he attempted to claim them back.

Theft of government property

An active duty Air Force reported his military identification card, along with other personal items were stolen from his rental vehicle off base.

Damage to private property

An Air Force civilian employee notified Security Force and reported her vehicle was damaged at the Sea Breeze Parking lot. Estimated cost of damage: \$500.

Theft of private property

An active duty Air Force reported her kayak was stolen from her back yard.

Curfew violation

AKAL Security personnel detained three juveniles attempting to gain access to the installation through the Main Gate. The juveniles sponsor were notified and instructed to report to the Main Gate.

NEWS NOTES, From A1

Sunday, May 7 at 10 a.m. 21 Catholic religious education students will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This liturgy will be presided by Reverend Bishop John J. Kaising, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA. POC: Cathy Yoakum; 449-1754 ext 230.

Waikiki Parade and Outdoor Concert - To salute all Hawaii-based military personnel, including the men and women of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves Saturday, May 6. There will be a Parade 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. starting at Fort De Russy, to Kalakaua/Monsarrat Avenues, to Kapiolani Park. An Out door concert at Kapiolani Park, bandstand and main stage, featuring performer John Legend, from 12:05 to 4:45 p.m.

Special Olympics needs volunteers – Special Olympics Hawaii is currently recruiting volunteers for its 2006 State Summer Games May 26 to 28 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Special Olympic Athletes work very hard to overcome many challenges and they can with volunteers support. Team Hickam members can help to build self-esteem, instill pride and bring joy to the lives of hundreds of Special Olympics Hawaii Athletes. Whether volunteers are looking for inspiration or they want to inspire, Special Olympics can touch their lives.

Hickam members can help to make a difference in the community by volunteering for Special Olympics Hawaii. For more information, visit www.specialolympicshawaii.org or contact Cindy at 943-8808, extension 27.

Hickam National Test Center – The National Test Center offers College Level Examination Program exams to all members of the Department of Defense and their families. CLEP exams are free to active-duty, Reserves Guard, and family members of the Guard and Reserve forces. For all others, there is a \$20 administration fee and \$55 examination fee. The National Test Center on Hickam will offer exams on Mondays and Wednesdays, conducting three test sessions each day. To schedule an exam call Hawaii Pacific University at 422-1032 more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at 449-0300.

Repatriation Ceremony



Photo by U.S. Marine Cpl. Nicholas Riddle, JPAC

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command [JPAC] held a ceremony Friday on Hickam Air Force Base to honor remains recovered in Vietnam believed to be associated with an American military member missing from the Vietnam War. A joint honor guard

memorialized the repatriation of the remains outside of the 15th Airlift Wing Base Operations Building. Following the ceremony, the remains were transported to the JPAC where the forensic identification process begins.

Rumsfeld: Neighbors Benefit

By John D. Banusiewicz
American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD — While success in Iraq's march to freedom would mean good things for most of its neighbors, Iran could only view that as a failure, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said here today. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice are here to meet with U.S. and Iraqi officials.

"A successful Iraq that is at peace with its neighbors and that has a government that's representative of the various elements within the country would represent an enormous success for this region," Rumsfeld said. "It would add to prosperity for the region. It would be something that all of the neighbors would benefit from, except Iran."

"Iran's view of the world is quite different," he continued, "and (a successful democracy in Iraq) would represent a failure from the standpoint of Iran."

Rumsfeld said people who are concerned by the Iranian government's provocative statements and its quest for nuclear

weapons would recognize that a successful Iraq is "fundamentally inconsistent with the interests of Iran."

The secretary declined to speculate as to whether any need to contain Iran might require long-term U.S. military presence in Iraq.

He noted that the U.N. resolution under which coalition forces now operate in Iraq is scheduled to expire at the end of the year.

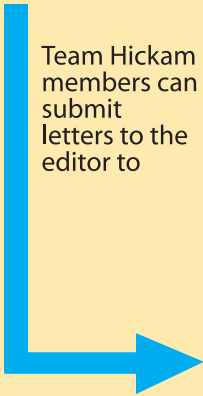
"What we would want to do would be to engage in discussions with the new (Iraqi) government about that resolution and arrangements between our two countries with respect to our military-to-military relationship," Rumsfeld said.

It also will require us to begin the process in the Department of State and the Department of Defense to look forward in terms of the budget cycle to see what our arrangements would be in Iraq."

Rumsfeld said U.S. troop strength in Iraq would continue to be based on conditions on the ground and discussions with the Iraqi government.

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Airmen improve base for Soldiers

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MAREZ, Iraq (AFP) -- In the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, Airmen from the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing are using their construction expertise to help the U.S. and Iraqi governments and the U.S. Army.

The 557th Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron is deployed in support of the Army's 555th Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhancement) here. Red Horse stands for Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineer.

"Red Horse is a heavy construction outfit that directly supports combat air power worldwide," said Senior Master Sgt. Brian Richardson, Red Horse airfields manager. "They provide air component commanders a dedicated, flexible airfield and base heavy construction and repair capabilities that allow commanders to move as the order of battle dictates."

Transition of battlespace is returning American-occupied real estate back to the Iraqi government," Sergeant Richardson said. "With the closure of Forward Operating Base Courage, the troops stationed there are redeploying to Marez. The 557th ERHS is developing real estate and constructing facilities to support these additional troops."

*By Airman 1st Class Jason Ridder
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs*

Program to eliminate threat to aircraft

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFP) -- The team of four works to save lives, aircraft and money, usually behind the scenes. They are vital to the mission of this forward operating location serving Operation Enduring Freedom by running the Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard, or BASH, program. The 40th Air Expeditionary Group safety office manages the BASH program by monitoring, evaluating, and where needed, eliminating the threat so that the aircraft based here can complete their combat missions.

The primary threats to bombers and refuelers launched and recovered from here are wimbrels, mynahs and egrets.

"For an effective BASH program we need to ensure air-



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Ridder

Chief Master Sgt. Layton Clark speaks with a structures team while they take a break from working on a 7,200-

square-foot building for the U.S. State Department at Forward Operating Base Marez, Iraq.

craft are safe to take off and land without the threat of a bird strike," said Tech. Sgt. Roy Ollie, flight safety non-commissioned officer. "With minimal resources available, especially at a deployed location, we cannot afford to lose one aircraft to a bird strike."

The safety office uses a four-pronged approach to decrease the threat of aircraft bird strikes.

There are six cannons on the airfield. The control tower or the safety office sets them off when needed to scare birds out of the area. The safety office also uses pyrotechnic guns to scare birds away.

*By Master Sgt. Scott King
440th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs*

Education key to Air Force future

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- The Air Force is the most technologically advanced and capable air force in the world, in part due to the professional and personal education Airmen obtain, the secretary of the Air Force said recently.

The Air Force relies on many internal professional development courses for enlisted and officer education and training, but also seeks interaction and support from educational institutions in the United States.

"We sit in the cradle of education throughout America; we revel in the fact that our educational opportunities are the best in the world," he said.